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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD ACTION ITEM MAY 4, 2017

VOTE TO SUPPORT SUBMITTAL OF THE DRUG MEDI-CAL ORGANIZED DELIVERY SYSTEM IMPLEMENTATION PLAN TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES

Background

On January 7, 2016, BHAB voted to establish a priority for Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS) Implementation for the 2016 calendar year. On March 3, 2016, BHAB voted to establish a Behavioral Health Advisory Board Drug Medi-Cal (DMC) Workgroup.

Over the course of 2016 and the first quarter of 2017, workgroups within BHS researched other counties' implementation plans, studied service delivery implications (increase staffing, certification by the Department of Health Care Services of Substance Use Disorder providers to bill for Drug Medi-Cal, training needs, etc.) and conducted financial analyses to address questions regarding fiscal sustainability of opting-in to the California Section 1115 DMC-ODS waiver. The BHAB DMC Workgroup also participated in meetings to share concerns and questions about expansion of services and what the implementation would mean for residents of San Diego County experiencing substance use disorders.

After careful consideration of all factors, in March of 2017, BHS executives met and agreed that submitting the DMC-ODS Implementation Plan and proposed rates to DHCS would be an advisable next step. Submission of the plan and rates would not obligate the County to the DMC-ODS waiver implementation. It would provide an opportunity for DHCS to work with the County to finalize the Implementation Plan, with State and Federal input, and negotiate proposed rates. If successful, the County would request Board of Supervisors approval to enter into a DMC-ODS contract with DHCS.

It is, THEREFORE, staff's recommendation that the Board vote to Support Submittal of the Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System Implementation Plan to the Department of Health Care Services by May 31, 2017.